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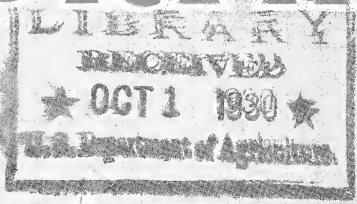
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# W. T. AINSWORTH & SONS

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*Pure Bred  
Seed Corn*



MASON CITY · ILLINOIS  
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## Twenty Years of Successful Growth

The year 1928 marks the beginning of the twentieth year of our work as seed corn breeders and growers. Each year has been a record one of sales. We have grown from one of the smallest seed corn firms to one of the very largest. In the summer of 1907 we built our first seed corn house on the farm. In the summer of 1911 we built a large addition and in 1912 we found it necessary to double this space. By 1916 our business had grown to such an extent that we built a large five-story plant in town. In 1921 our seed house on the farm burned and we erected another five-story plant just one block east of our present offices. We now have two large five-story drying plants which are the largest and most completely equipped in the world.

Because of the excellent quality of our seed last year, together with our attractive prices, we sold our entire stock and were compelled to return thousands of dollars to customers who sent in late orders.

The average price at which our seed corn was sold last year was \$5.50 per bushel, a fair price considering the painstaking efforts required in inspecting and testing. It is an expensive process to produce and put on the market a fine quality of seed corn. Remember every ear is looked over as carefully as the most particular farmer would inspect his own corn. But our work is done by experts who devote all of their time to the getting out of fine seed corn.

Developing high yielding strains of seed corn is necessarily slow. But a lifetime of study has made our progress steady and sure. An absolute money-back guarantee is placed by us on every bushel of corn sold. It is one of the strongest guarantees ever put out by a seed firm. It is a complete safeguard to the customer. We could not make this guarantee if we did not have the seed corn with which to make it good. Ask your neighbor if W. T. Ainsworth & Sons ever failed to make good a guarantee.

It is not necessary for you to send the money with your order unless you want immediate shipment. We hold supplies for old customers, but we cannot afford to turn away early buyers unless we are sure you will take the seed we reserve for you. Every bushel of our seed corn is guaranteed to be Pure Bred, of the highest yielding strains and all well matured, 1927 crop.

We thank you for orders of previous years and hope our pleasant relations will continue. Your order for this year will receive our usual careful attention.

Yours sincerely,

*W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.*

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# Seed Corn Prices

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

## SEASON 1928

Although our expenses and shrinkage will be tremendous this year, we are going to hold our prices down as low as possible and still get out seed corn of the finest quality.

Our corn was all grown from pure bred, disease free seed that was planted before the middle of May. It was gathered early and dried in our two five-story drying plants. We handle no crib corn.

Order your seed corn early this year. We will ship when you want it. Every bushel guaranteed to test 95% or better. Test our corn any way you see fit. If, for any reason, it is found unsatisfactory return at our expense, and your money will be promptly refunded.

## PRICES

### *Regular Stock Corn*

*Tipped, butted, shelled and graded, ready for the planter, - Per Bu. \$5.00*

*Selected Seed Ears in bushel crates . . . . . 5.50*

### *Sack Picked in October*

*Tipped, butted, shelled and graded, ready for the planter, - Per Bu. \$5.50*

*Selected Seed Ears in bushel crates . . . . . 6.00*

**Bags and Crates Free. No order accepted for less than one bushel in the ear.**

**Use Order Sheet on the reverse side.**

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Reid's Yellow Dent Trial Plot

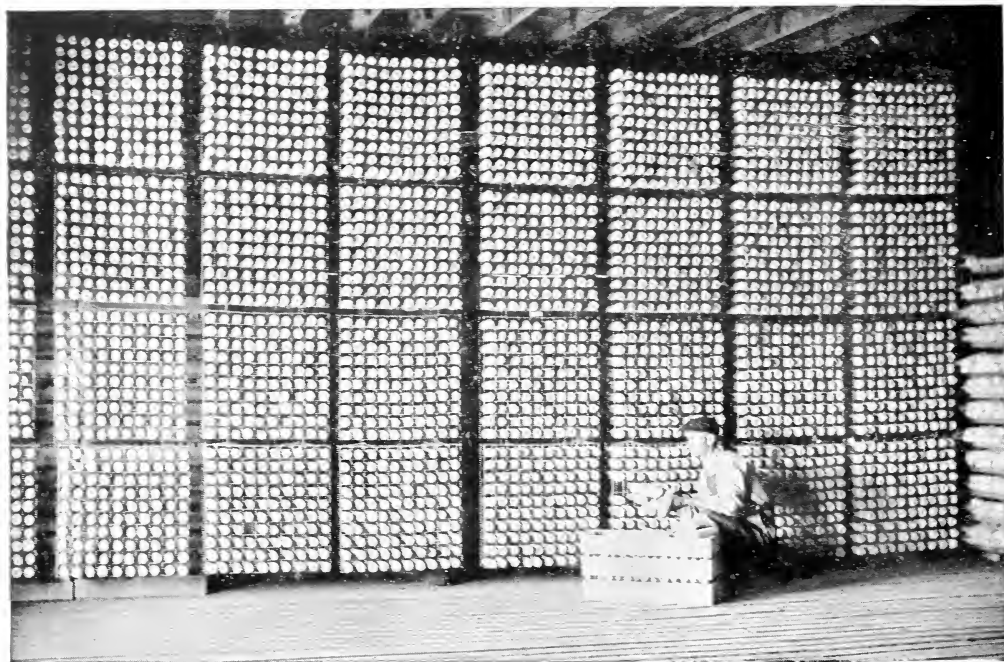
## Our Seed Corn Trial Plots

**E**ACH year we conduct extensive trial plots. In these plots we try out different types of our own Reid's Yellow Dent and also the leading strains of Reid offered by all other reputable breeders.

The two strains of Reid found to be the highest yielding are then blended or crossed, thereby producing an early maturing, high yielding corn. It is this blended seed that you get, when you buy Ainsworth's Improved Reid's Yellow Dent. Our tests, over a period of 15 years, show an average increase of 5 bushels per acre for the blended seed, over the parent strains.

In our trial grounds we have one hundred and twenty acres in Reid's Yellow Dent alone, representing nine strains and types. The corn is planted in strips twenty rows wide and three to five strips are used for each strain, to correct varying conditions in the soil. If fewer rows are used the strains become too much mixed from the pollen of the adjacent strain or strains. If as many as forty rows are used in a strip we do not have as good a check as when half the number is used on account of varying soil conditions. Thus you can readily understand why it takes as much as one hundred and twenty acres for a Reid's Yellow Dent trial plot. We have accomplished very little in "selfing" and the growing of hybrid strains, but by crossing, selecting and comparing we have produced the highest yielding strains of Reid's Yellow Dent that will mature safely in Central Illinois. In fact, Ainsworth's Reid's Yellow Dent, in the average season matures as far north as Kewanee and LaSalle.

# RACK DRIED AINSWORTH SEED CORN



Drying Corn on Martin Hangers

## Seed Corn Dried on Racks

ONLY a small part of our seed corn is dried in the bulk. Most of it is dried on wooden racks and wire hangers. There are 30,000 square feet of floor space available for rack dried corn. The drying of this corn is assisted by slatted floors, large blower fans and ventilating doors, which keep the air in motion and prevent any corn from molding.

We begin taking in this corn and laying it on racks, weeks before corn would do to crib. All of our sack picked corn is dried on racks and over half of the field gathered is dried in this expensive manner. It dries out more quickly and more evenly, than it does in the very best of ventilated drying cribs. We do not attempt to dry corn on the bottom floors. It is impossible to dry corn on the ground floor, because of the fact that you cannot get a circulation of air under the corn.

A visit to our plants would convey more than we could possibly say here and we are sure that you would feel well repaid for making us a visit.

Eaton, Ind., Nov. 3rd, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—In regard to the seed corn which I bought from you last spring, the grading was the best I have ever seen and I have a fine field of corn. It will make about 50 or 60 bushels to the acre and I think that is fine for this year.

When in need of seed corn I will certainly send to your place to get it.

Yours truly,  
JOHN TROUTNER.

Lebanon, Ind., Nov. 4th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—In reply to your letter regarding the seed corn obtained from you, I will say the seed proved satisfactory and was first class in every way. Under the adverse growing weather of this season my corn all matured in fine shape and is as nice corn as I have ever raised. I have been cribbing now for over a week.

Very truly yours,

M. A. PRATT.



# RACK DRIED AINSWORTH SEED CORN



## All Corn Gathered Early

**W**E were fortunate, this year, in having a large number of contract growers, who got part of their corn planted before the middle of May. As soon as these early planted fields were matured, we began gathering early in October with a big crew of men, with sacks over their shoulders. Only the matured ears, from the earliest planted fields, were picked. Even then the corn contained a high percent of moisture, but with our equipment we were able to dry this corn without any mold appearing.

Because of our thoroughly heated plants and large blower fans, our seed corn was practically dried by November 15th. Average tests on this date showed 17%.

We firmly believe that too much stress cannot be placed on early and quick drying, but not kiln drying. Kiln drying is never good for seed corn. Our system of drying requires about two weeks time in which to reduce the moisture content to 19%. From there on the process should be very slow, so that 14% is reached about January 1st. Heat is absolutely essential for the highest germination and the brightest color, but too much heat and too quick drying dulls the color and shrinks the kernel.

Quincy, Mo., Nov. 5th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Gentlemen:—I am writing in regard to the Silvermine seed corn purchased from you last spring. This seed was very true to type, very sound and it proved itself to be nearly perfect in germination. Although it was planted later than

some home grown seed, it matured earlier and produced a much higher yield of excellent corn.

I will say that I am more than pleased with the results.

Very truly yours,

G. WILSON.

# RACK DRIED AINSWORTH SEED CORN



## Careful Hand Work

**A**BOUT the first of January, we start taking our corn down from the racks and working it over, by hand.

Each man works at a table, as shown in the picture above. The corn, to be sold in the ear, is placed in crates, while the corn to be shelled is tipped and butted by hand. The tip and butt kernels fall through the wire screened hole under the nubber and into the tub on the floor. This corn is hauled out to the elevator.

After the ears are tipped and butted, they are placed in tubs and the Inspector looks it over. The corn is then dumped into carts and taken to a specially built seed corn sheller where it is shelled and graded over two number eighteen or nineteen screens. The corn is then bagged and put in our display room, where each lot is again inspected and a germination test taken.

We spare no expense to make our seed corn as nearly perfect as it is possible to have it.

### SHOULD PLANT ALL AINSWORTH SEED

Camp Point, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The corn I purchased from you last spring was sure fine. It is a good yielding corn and also very early in maturity. One thing I especially notice is your corn standing fine while my own seed in the same field is all down. I would have been wise had I purchased enough seed for all my corn.

Yours very truly,

HARRY LAROUT.

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Huffman, Ark., Nov. 8th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—Our Johnson County White made 81 bushels per acre last year and it is also the best corn we have this year. Our crop was late because of the flood. We planted the Reid received from you in July, also some other corn the same day but your corn matured first.

Yours truly,

W. W. PEPPER.

Pleasant Plains, Ill. Nov. 5th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—I am always glad to say a word of praise for the seed corn I purchased from you. I was well satisfied with the way it was graded and for soundness, yield and maturity I think the Leaming corn can't be beaten.

I am always well satisfied with the seed received from you.

Very truly yours,

FRANK WEIR.

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Newman, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The Reid's Yellow Dent seed purchased from you last spring did fine. I got it planted about the 8th of May. After it was planted we had some very wet weather, but the corn stood the bad weather fine and I got a fine stand. The corn is good quality and will yield good.

Yours very truly,

E. HARTLEY.



## Skilled Workmen

**O**UT of Mason City's 2,000 inhabitants, the seed corn industry employs from fifty to ninety men, each winter. Since this is the only winter employment for these men and since the industry is over twenty years old, it means that there has grown up in this town a group of men who are real seed corn experts. All workmen are paid by the day and not by the bushel. Each man's corn is inspected before it is shelled or crated. The result is, that quality rather than quantity is the standard.

Good seed corn calls for a tremendous amount of hand work. Our men work on nothing but seed corn and each lot has to be treated differently. All of our workmen are personally trained by Merle Ainsworth.

### IT PAYS TO PLANT AINSWORTH SEED

Winchester, Ill., Nov. 3rd, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you was very satisfactory. I got a good stand. It looked like every grain grew. My corn will make 70 bushels per acre. I think it pays to plant Ainsworth Pure Bred seed corn. I will always speak a good word for Ainsworth & Sons.

Yours very truly,

BRADY HAWLIN.

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Galton, Ill., Nov. 1st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I got from you last spring was sure fine. I got an extra good stand and I have good corn considering the bad weather. It has matured nicely and I will begin husking in a couple of days.

Very truly yours,

W. S. HUNT.

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Onarga, Ill., Nov. 3rd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn that I purchased from you last spring was sure fine. I don't think there is any corn as good as Krug. I finished planting on the 7th of June and it is all well matured corn.

Yours truly,

G. W. GISEBURT.

Tower Hill, Ill., Nov. 12th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—The seed corn received from you last spring was fine as to grading and germination. I got a perfect stand on ground planted May 17th, although a heavy rain followed the next day. This corn also made a splendid yield of matured corn and was ready for the crib by November 1st.

Yours respectfully,

E. C. LOHR.

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Tippecanoe, Ind., Nov. 14th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you last spring was a fine lot. I liked the way it was graded and it all came up. It pays to get good seed corn as I get from 15 to 20 bushels more per acre than my neighbors do with native seed.

Yours truly,

L. E. RAWLINGS.

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Bethany, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you was the first I planted in the spring and under very unfavorable conditions it has made a fine crop. The corn is matured now and ready to pick. I am more than pleased with the results.

Yours sincerely,

CHAS. WICKER.



The Organization Behind Ainsworth Seed Corn

## Sack Picked Corn

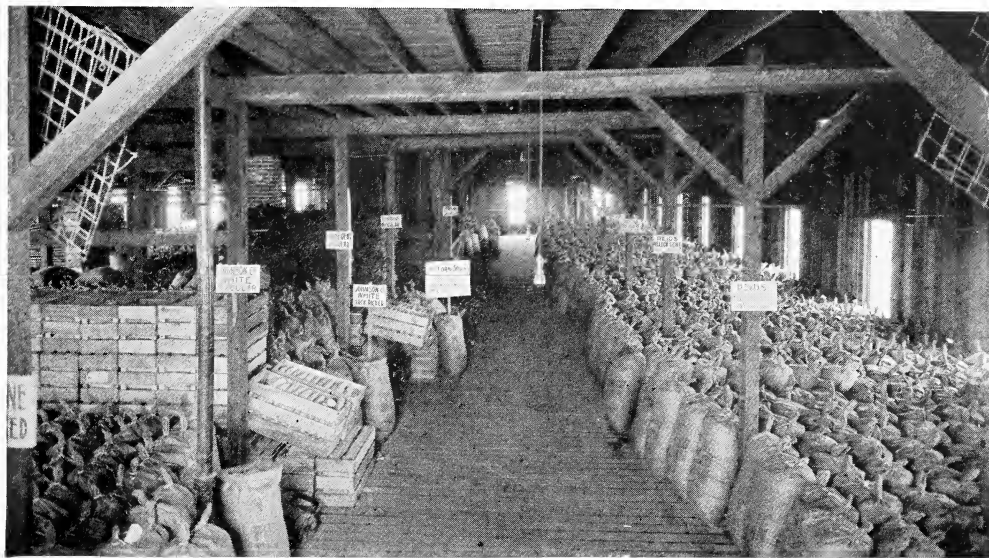
**E**ACH year we go through the fields with a large crew of men, who pick and place in a sack the well matured ears. These ears are taken direct to the plant where they are placed on racks. Last fall, we sack picked more acres of good seed corn than ever before, in the history of our business. This early gathered corn was put in our plants weeks before it could possibly be cribbed.

Sack picked corn makes the ideal seed corn. It is gathered before frost and since only the well matured ears are picked, the corn tends to be early in maturity.

We charge fifty cents per bushel more for this corn than for corn gathered in the regular way. It is necessary to make this charge, in order to cover the additional cost of gathering. We guarantee that our sack picked corn, both ear and shelled is all dried on special drying racks and is gathered in October. This corn is dried so quickly and evenly that we often ship it to customers before the first of December.

Every bushel of corn that we sell our customers is grown from pure-bred, disease free seed, is dried in our heated plants and has had each ear examined, before shelling or crating. Only the sound ears of good type are used for seed. All others, not coming up to Ainsworth standard, are discarded. In other words, only a small percentage of the ears grown in the best of fields are sold for seed.

# RACK DRIED AINSWORTH SEED CORN



## Seed Corn Shipped all over the World

We ship seed corn to every state in the union and practically every foreign country.

### READ THIS CABLEGRAM RECEIVED FROM BUDAPEST

Budapest, Hungary.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Mason City, Ill.

Send one thousand kilograms (40 bushels) Horsetooth corngrain on corncob stop  
Give shortest period of ripening stop Shipment to Intercontinentale Trieste Will pay  
invoice against Documents.

Baecher Melichar Maschinenfabrik.

Elberfeld, Ind., October 31st, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I received the Reid's Yellow Dent purchased from you last spring in good shape. I found the germination and grading excellent. The corn grew fine and matured early and I now have a fine field of corn. I intend to buy more seed next spring.

Respectfully yours,  
SAMUEL THENCE.

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Hillsboro, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I was well pleased with the Silvermine seed corn received from you last spring. We got a fine stand and the corn matured early. We picked seed out of it about the 10th of October.

Any one wanting good seed and a square deal I will gladly recommend them to you.

Respectfully yours,  
LESTER L. LEETHAM.

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Golden, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The corn bought from you was all you claim for it. It germinated fine and we got a good stand. Although it was not planted until late in June it will make 45 or 50 bushels per acre.

Yours truly,  
STEWART WOODS.

Green Valley, Ill., Nov. 10th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I have used your seed corn for 10 or 12 years and have always found it satisfactory in every way. This year was a genuine test and I had a splendid stand of corn.

Respectfully,  
C. L. TRACY.

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Cynthiana, Ky., Nov. 12th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—Your seed corn is all that your catalogs represent it to be. The grading is perfect. I got a good stand of corn and the crop finished well for a late season. I will want more seed in the spring. I think it much better than I can save myself.

Yours truly,  
DURBIN WILSON.

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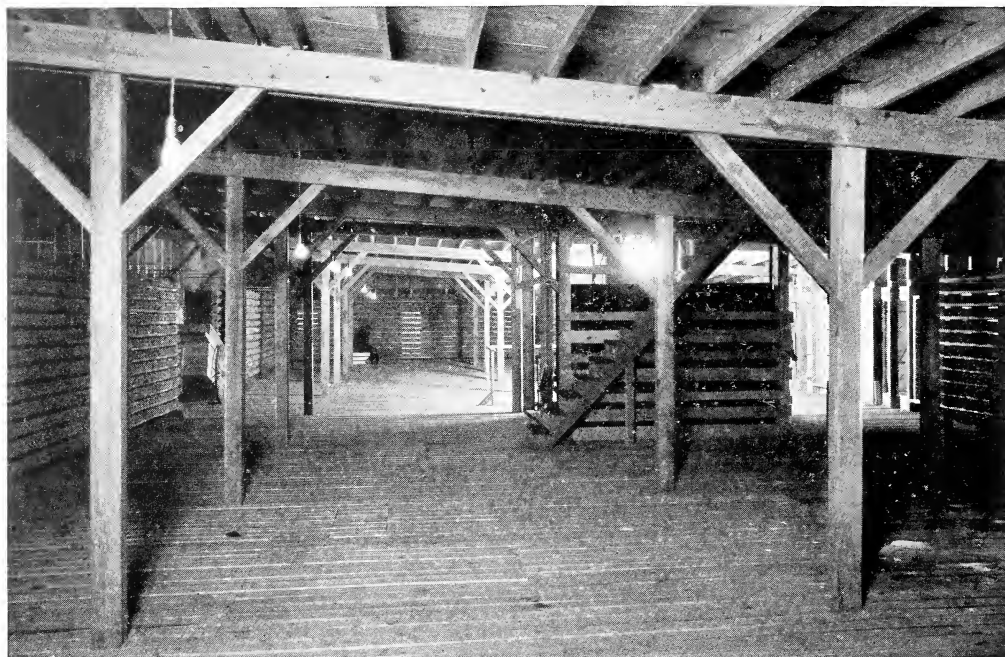
Zion, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I have planted Ainsworth pure bred seed corn for a number of years and have always found it very satisfactory in quality, grading and germination. I can heartily recommend it to anyone wanting good seed corn.

Sincerely yours,  
VAL. T. NAFFZIGER.





## Testimonials

Dallas City, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to tell you that I have always been well pleased with the seed corn received from you. It is always well graded and matures equally as well or better than any corn of the same variety.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. DEITRICH.

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Bellmont, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—We were highly pleased with the results of the Johnson County White seed corn received from you. It was the first corn to be fully matured and ripe in our community. It was planted the 29th of May and was matured before the frost of September 10th.

Respectfully yours,

ARCH ROBINSON.

P.S.—I will gladly recommend your corn as the finest seed corn I have ever planted.

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Virden, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

Gentlemen:—I am well pleased with the corn grown from your seed, both as to quality and yield. This corn is ready to crib while other corn planted the same time will need a couple of weeks of good drying weather.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. E. MORTIMER.

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Chandlerville, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—In regard to your seed corn planted last spring, I got almost 100% stand. It is a high yielding early maturing corn.

Sincerely yours,

T. O. ALCORN.

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Talcott, W. Va., Nov. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn bought from you last spring was as fine as any I have ever planted. It was well graded and the germination almost 100%. My corn is good and sound, much better than corn from my own seed.

Yours respectfully,

J. S. RUDISILL.

Uniontown, W. Va., Nov. 1st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn that I bought from you last spring was all that you claimed it to be. I believe every grain grew and I have a dandy crop of corn, the best I have ever raised. I have any number of ears that measure from 10 to 13 inches and that is good for this country. In conclusion I will say that the seed corn was satisfactory in every way.

Yours very truly,

S. S. CLARK.

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Felicity, Ohio, Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—Since I planted your seed corn last spring I am glad to write you in regard to my results. I think your system of grading is excellent. As to the yield, soundness and maturity I find it good. I will be ready for another order of seed corn in the spring. Be sure to send me your new catalogue.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN E. MILLER.

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Malden, Mass., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter of October 26th, I am pleased to say the Silvermine corn exceeded my expectations.

Planted within a few miles of the border of New Hampshire in a rather unfavorable plot, this corn grew about 10 feet tall without a sign of disease or faulty growth. In spite of a cold rainy season with very little corn weather it has matured a high percentage of ears.

I am most highly pleased with your Silvermine corn and congratulate you as real seed corn specialists.

Yours very truly,

GEO. M. CLEVELAND.

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Covell, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I was pleased very much with the corn from the tested seed that I bought from you. I think that it pays better than any other corn to plant. It matures earlier and is sounder corn.

Very truly yours,

C. H. JOHNSON.



# Ainsworth Corn Makes Good Wherever Corn is Grown

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Gentlemen:—The corn grown from the seed purchased from you excelled our native Hungarian corn in every respect. It had a much stronger stalk that resisted the Corn Borer and a severe summer storm. The other corn suffered great harm from both sources and only yielded about  $\frac{1}{2}$  what your seed did. Your corn was well eared and proved to be a very valuable high yielding variety that ripened in time to be followed by wheat.

I like the appearance of your Krug Corn and will give it a trial this year.

Yours very truly,  
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B. FOLDENYI.

Pierre, So. Dakota, Nov. 5th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you was A-No. 1 and a perfect grade. As to a stand it was 100% and the finest field in the county.

Yours for another order, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
JOHN H. GODDARD.

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Springfield, So. Dakota, Oct. 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I was more than pleased with the seed corn received from you last spring. It was graded well and kernels were the same size. Under very unfavorable conditions this summer I raised 50 bushels per acre and my corn is as sound as a rock. Ainsworth Yellow Dent is the best corn I have ever raised. Several of my neighbors are going to try this corn next year.

Very truly yours,  
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L. M. MELICK.

Eastbrook, Ky., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I have never planted corn that I liked any better than the seed received from you. We had a bad season this year but I have a better crop than any one around here. I don't believe there was a grain that failed to grow. You can look for another order from me in the spring.

Yours respectfully,  
HERBERT H. BOOKER.

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Fleming, Ohio, Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—The Silvermine seed corn received from your firm has certainly made me a bumper crop. I have the best looking corn in this territory. The seed was fine looking and I got a good stand. It is the best corn I have raised for years. I think the corn received from you will yield  $\frac{1}{4}$  more than ordinary seed. I think I will want some Reid's Yellow Dent next spring.

Yours truly,  
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H. C. MARTIN.

Rossville, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—We are very well pleased with the seed corn purchased from you. The grading was fine. We finished planting some of your Reid's Yellow Dent on the 17th of June and it is fairly well matured now considering all weather conditions.

Yours truly,  
ARTHUR BUTZOW.

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Newman, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I bought from you last spring did fine. I got almost a perfect stand and I never planted corn that was more evenly graded.

I will be in the market for more seed corn in the spring.

Yours truly,  
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W. W. TAYLOR.

Lewistown, Ill., Nov. 1st, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—Your seed corn was O. K. It came up fine. When in need of seed corn again I will call on you.

Yours truly,  
WM. HEZLEP.

Mammoth Springs, Ark., Sept. 29th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sir:—I am writing to tell you how well pleased I have always been with the seed corn purchased from you. I think the Silvermine and Johnson County can't be beat. I recommend your corn to all the farmers I know. I never intend to buy seed corn from any other firm as long as I can get it from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.

Very truly yours,  
JOHN D. HATFIELD.

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Guernsey, Iowa, Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I was well pleased with the way your corn was graded and we got a very good stand. I think I would be safe in saying the germination was 100%. We planted the seed on sod ground and it made a wonderful growth. We are well satisfied and hope to plant some of the same seed next year.

Very truly yours,  
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E. F. WENGER.

Taylorville, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—In regard to the seed corn purchased from you last spring, I was well pleased with the way it was graded and the germination was perfect. This corn was not planted until about the 10th of June and I have a good crop of sound corn ready to crib.

Yours truly,  
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E. W. BARTLING.

Milligan, Ind., Nov. 6th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Gentlemen:—We feel that not saying a word of appreciation for the seed corn we have purchased from you for the last three years would be like not thanking some one for a very valued gift.

Owing to late maturing seasons we were afraid to risk our own seed and decided to purchase all from good reliable seed corn men who specialize in caring for the corn after it is selected. We believe in comparing our fields with those of our neighbors that we have been far better off as to stand, thriftiness and color. We have been especially well pleased with the feeding qualities and it seems we use less corn per pound gain than any other corn we have fed.

Trusting the volume of your business will be such that you can go forward with the great work that perhaps is only begun in the improvement of the greatest of all crops of the middle west, I am,

Very truly yours,  
FAIRHOLME FARMS,  
By Sam Milligan.

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Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn bought from you last spring matured in fine shape. It is good, sound corn and will make a good yield. I am well satisfied with your seed corn.

Yours truly,  
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EVERETT CONN.

Lerna, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I have used your seed corn for the last few years with very good results. The corn last year was graded fine. I think the use of your pure bred seed corn more than pays any man.

Very truly yours,  
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J. W. WALKER.

AINSWORTH CORN GOOD INVESTMENT  
Lincoln, Ind., Aug. 13th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—In regard to seed corn bought from you this year. I have a wonderful stand about 95% of the hills have three good sturdy stalks of corn. It is in full tassel and will be roasting ears in about another week.

Your seed is superb. Seeming very strong in germination, quick growth and of great vitality. This is my third year of buying seed corn from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons and consider it one of my best investments.

Yours very truly,  
OWEN C. CRIPE.



Germinator Room

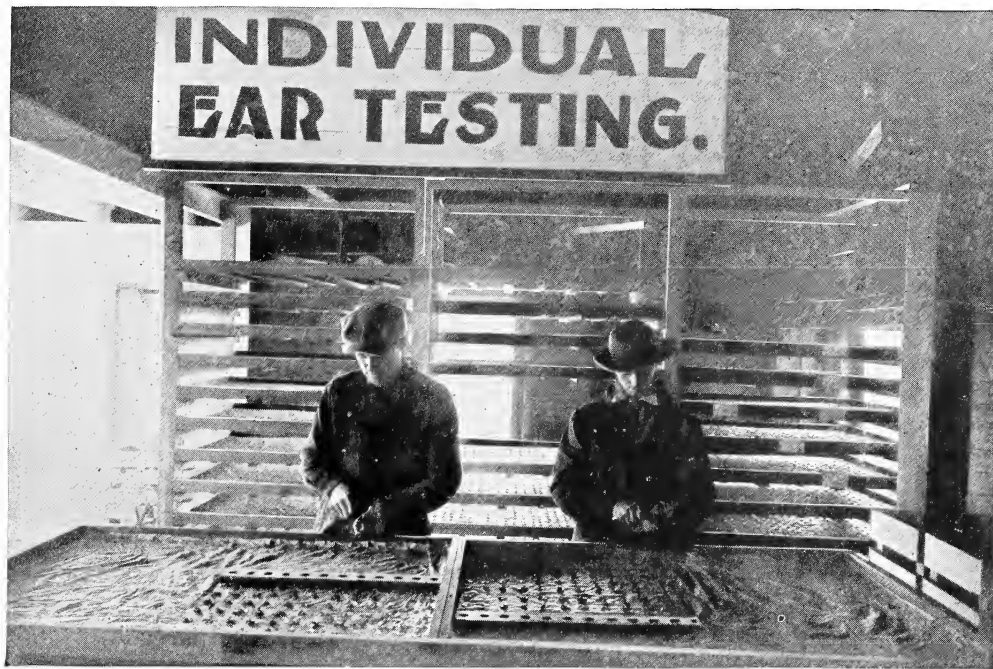
## We Sell Disease Free Seed

**O**UR Germinator Room is small, but with two complete sets of trays, we are able to get out a little more seed than is required for our own use. We will accept a limited number of orders for disease free corn at \$3.00 per bushel above our sack picked ear corn price.

This corn has had four kernels taken from each ear and placed on the germinator trays. The trays are then placed in our testing room and left there for about seven days. At this time most of the root rot diseases can be detected and the weak and diseased ears discarded.

We sell this corn in the ear only.





## Disease Free Seed

**E**VERY bushel of seed corn that we sell is grown from pure bred, disease free seed. It is all grown in Mason County and near Mason City, the seed corn center of the world.

Our first step in obtaining disease free seed is, field selection, which is completed before the first severe frost. We select ears of average size, from healthy stalks, ears of medium smooth indentation and medium depth of kernel. After this selection is made, the corn is tested in the germinator where the various diseases, which cause an enormous loss each year, will show up in about six or seven days. The most common of these diseases are Diplodia, Gibberella, Fusarium, Cephalosporium and Scutellum Rot.

We have constructed the most modern seed corn testing room that could possibly be built. It is steam heated, with steam coils running around the outer walls to prevent cold air pockets and to insure an even growth on all trays. Tray bottoms are of copper wire. The outer walls of the room are of hollow tile. Nothing has been spared to make our seed corn germinating room as nearly perfect as possible.

Wouldn't you like to visit us this winter and see, for yourself, how we test our corn? The tests are read once a week and it is very interesting to watch the two men doing this work.



Main Street Plant

## Modern Drying Plants

**T**HE most important factor in producing good seed corn is breeding and selecting to obtain high yielding, disease free corn. Second only to this comes the question of drying the seed. We have erected two five-story drying plants for the sole purpose of properly drying and caring for high yielding seed corn.

No expense has been spared in making our buildings the best and most completely equipped in the United States. We have six large hot-air furnaces and two steam plants; Also four high pressure blower fans which are in use, both day and night. These fans are connected to our hot air furnaces, which force the warm dry air up through the corn. The moisture is carried off through the ventilators in the roof. All floors are slatted to assist in the circulation of air. This is very important, since heat in a building, with poor ventilation, is worse than no heat at all.

Our method of drying is an expensive one, that requires ample space and dries the corn out, naturally. Do not confuse our method with kiln dryers, which dry corn in twenty-four to forty-eight hours. The air that goes through our corn, is never hotter than 92 degrees Fahrenheit.

# RACK DRIED AINSWORTH SEED CORN



**C. & A. Plant**

NOTE—Below we are giving a table showing the results secured in drying seed corn by different methods. This was taken from the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station Annual Report for 1925-26.

**Table 47—Comparison of Results Secured in Drying Seed Corn by Different Methods, 1925-1926**

Unit	Method of Drying	Quantity of corn	Period air was forced	Rate of air a minute	Electric energy used	Fuel oil used	Cost* a bushel of dried corn	Average moisture Content in grain and cob		Germination	
								When stored Dec. 1	After forcing air	When stored Dec. 1	April 24
1	Forced heat'd air 93°F.	bu. 49.8	hrs. 79.4	cu. ft. 1370	kw. hrs. 98.7	gals. 86.8	cents 22	perct. 24.8	perct. 12.4	perct. 61.8	perct. 64.5
2	Forced unheated air....	48.2	207.6	1590	291.7	.....	30	25.3	21.4	59.8	48.3
3	Natural drying.....	50.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.6	23.6†	60.6	49.7

\*Cost of fuel oil at 7 cents a gallon and electric energy at 5 cents a kilowatt hour.

†The seed corn in Unit 3 had been reduced to this moisture content, by natural drying, by December 19, which was approximately the same date that the forced air was discontinued in Units 1 and 2.

You will notice from the above table that the germination of the corn dried by forced unheated air and by natural drying, was lowered 11%, while the germination of the corn dried by forced heated air was raised 2.7%. This is the system of drying that we use. We were the pioneers in using forced heated air, for drying seed corn. A visit to our plants will convince you that we have the best system that it is possible to obtain, for the proper handling of seed corn.



## Satisfied Customers

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Illioopolis, Ill., Nov. 9th, 1927.

Gentlemen:—The seed corn purchased from you last spring has proven very satisfactory. It made a good growth and matured in good time. I am well pleased with results and feel safe in recommending it to others.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* HENRY SHAFER.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Sheridan, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I have bought seed corn of your firm for a number of years and have never gotten a poor lot yet. The seed received last spring grew fine, yielded more than my own seed and ripened just as quick.

Yours respectfully,  
\* \* \* \* \* S. A. POTTER.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Murphysboro, Ill., Nov. 5th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—We are well pleased with your seed corn. The stand was splendid and the yield was fine for this season. I have sent to you for seed corn several times and have always received good seed. When in need of seed corn I will send to you.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* GEO. DOERR.

A CUSTOMER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS  
O'Fallon, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Gentlemen:—The Reid's Yellow Dent seed corn purchased from you last spring was fine seed and well graded. I got an extra good stand even though the spring was wet and cold. I have purchased seed corn both Reid's Yellow Dent and Johnson County White from you during the past 17 years and have always had good results.

Very truly yours,  
\* \* \* \* \* RICHARD SCHAEFFER.

AINSWORTH CORN WINS IN COLORADO  
Canon City, Colorado.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Dear Sirs:—I planted two kinds of your seed corn last year and it was perfect in every way. My boy was in the Corn Club last year and he won the prize for the best 10 ears of corn. This corn was grown from your seed. I also had seven acres of the same corn which averaged \$5 bushels per acre.

Your seed corn is O. K. for I have tried it several times.  
Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* FRANK STEINMIER.

Plainville, Ill., Nov. 1st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Gentlemen:—We finished planting the Yellow Dent seed corn on June 1st. It was graded so that it passed through the planter very accurately. The germination was excellent and the corn grew fine showing no particular disease. By November 1st it was well matured and will yield around 60 bushels per acre. This is the type of corn we have been looking for.

Respectfully yours,  
\* \* \* \* \* WAGY & STEWART.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Lewistown, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I have bought my seed corn from you for the last six or seven years and I have always been well pleased with it. The corn I got last spring grew fine and considering the season I have fine corn.

Yours very respectfully,  
\* \* \* \* \* N. C. MORGAN.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Hobart, Ind., Nov. 4th, 1927.

Gentlemen:—The seed corn we bought from you last spring was very well graded and bright in color. It grew quite tall and had a nice color. We had two of the finest fields of corn in our territory. This only goes to show that it takes good seed to start the corn right and keep it growing through adverse conditions.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* GRUEL BROS.

Joliet, Ill., October 30th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Gentlemen:—In reply to your recent letter will say, I am very well pleased with the seed corn received from you last spring. I got a perfect stand. If our cold seasons continue and we wish to grow good well matured corn we must plant earlier varieties.

Thanking you for courteous treatment and interest shown your patrons, I am,

Yours respectfully,  
\* \* \* \* \* T. F. MCCLINTOCK.

Normal, Ill., October 28th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Gentlemen:—Your corn was graded properly and grew 100%. The yield was all that a person could expect this season and it matured in good shape.

Yours respectfully,  
\* \* \* \* \* JEROME BLISS.

P.S.—Please send this year's catalogue.

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Bethany, Ill., October 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Dear Sirs:—I have bought several years' supply of seed corn from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons and each order has been filled absolutely satisfactory as to quality, purity and vitality. In spite of our very late planting I now have Reid's Yellow Dent corn that will yield more than 70 bushels per acre of practically free from disease and fairly well matured corn.

My business relations with you have always been most pleasant.

Very truly yours,  
\* \* \* \* \* DEFOREST E. BAIRD.

AINSWORTH CORN SATISFACTORY FOR 15 YEARS  
Bedford, Ind., Oct. 28th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Gentlemen:—The seed corn I bought from you last spring grew fine and made a splendid crop as all the corn I have purchased in the past 15 years has done. I feel that seed corn handled as you do is cheaper at \$5.00 per bushel than our crib corn would be at \$1.00 per bushel.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* S. H. STANDISH.

Havana, Ill., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Dear Sirs:—We will write you a few lines in regard to the seed corn bought from you last spring. It was planted about the 15th of May and the germination was about 100%. The corn is now good and sound. If we need seed corn this year will let you know.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* WM. RIEPE.

Grant City, Mo., Sept. 24th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn you sent me was O. K. I have a fine crop, the best in 10 years. It's all out of danger of frost. Send me your new catalogue when it is ready.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \* JOHN ELLIOTT.

Salisbury, Mo., Nov. 4th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Dear Sirs:—The Seed corn purchased from you arrived in good shape. It was well graded and nice, clean looking seed. It has certainly done fine considering the late season. It has matured ahead of many other fields although they were planted before your corn was.

Your Missouri Friends,  
\* \* \* \* \* MRS. ETHEL RILEY & SONS.

P.S.—Will probably want more seed in the spring.

Sherman, Ill., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.  
Dear Sirs:—I have the best corn this year that I have had for five years. There is very little rotten corn and no disease in the corn from your seed. I have been shucking for the last ten days and my corn will average better than 50 bushels per acre.

Respectfully yours,  
\* \* \* \* \* J. W. WALKER.



## Satisfied Customers

Cuba, Ill., Nov. 4th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I will say that the seed corn bought from you was good seed. I planted the four bushels of Krug corn and although the ground was very wet and cold it came a perfect stand.

All of the seed corn bought from you for the last six or eight years has always been of the very best.

Yours very truly,

FOSKET SAUNDERS.

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Dover, Pa., Nov. 4th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I am more than pleased with the seed corn received from you last spring. I believe that every grain came up and I have the finest field of corn around here. Everyone asks me where I got the seed. I want to try some of your yellow corn this next year.

Yours truly,

NOAH GLADFELTER.

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Hoytville, Ohio, Nov. 4th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—We are writing to tell you how well we liked the five bushels of seed corn purchased from you. Every grain grew and you could not have done a better job of grading because it was 100% satisfactory. This corn is making around 80 bushels per acre and our other corn only 65 bushels. The crop which we grew from your seed is more sound and mature than that from our own seed.

Yours truly,

W. B. MILLIRON.

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Bolekow, Mo., Nov. 5th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I bought from you last spring arrived in fine shape and I was very much pleased with it. For uniformity and soundness it was A-No. 1.

We had a very bad season here this year. I planted it on old ground and it will make better than 40 bushels per acre of good sound corn.

I think you are doing a great work.

Yours very truly,

WALTER L. CRISS.

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Red Bud, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I bought from you last spring was graded fine and I got a good stand. The other corn that I planted on the same day did not come up as good and it ripened later. All of our corn was planted late.

Yours truly,

J. P. SCHUMACHER.

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O'Fallon, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The corn I received from you came up better than any corn I have ever planted. The chinch bugs worked on one low field but the other field is fine considering the bad weather.

Yours truly,

JOHN PAUSCH.

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Gays, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I was well pleased with the seed corn received from you last spring. I like the way it was graded and I got a fine stand. Practically every grain grew.

I will want three bushels of seed corn in the spring.

Yours truly,

N. C. HORTENSTINE.

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Lincoln, Ill., Nov. 6th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I am now husking the corn from the seed purchased from you last spring. This makes the second year I have bought your seed corn and can say I have been very well pleased with the seed each year and with the results.

Yours truly,

L. K. BEAVER.

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Petersburg, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—Last Spring I bought 5 bushels of seed corn from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons and am well pleased with the results. The corn was planted on creek bottom which was very wet last spring but I got a 95% stand.

I think it pays to buy good seed.

Yours truly,

C. ISHMAEL.

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Monticello, Ill., Nov. 3rd, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I have planted your seed for the last two years and have had very good luck with it. I got a good stand this year and will have a fairly good yield considering the unfavorable weather conditions.

Yours respectfully,

J. REMMERS.

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Granite City, Ill., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you last spring was the best seed corn I have ever seen. It was well graded and every grain grew. I planted it the 4th of May and it was matured by the 1st of September. Any farmer that wants seed corn will make no mistake in buying their seed from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.

Yours for good seed corn,

JOE SPIES.

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Prairie City, Ill., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The corn I bought from you last spring germinated nearly 100%. Although we had the poorest season since I have been farming the corn did well and matured in good shape. The Leaming and Utility Reid matured practically the same time. I was able to pick good sound seed out of either the 1st of October, although it was not planted until about the 20th of May.

Yours truly,

C. A. ORUM.

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Quincy, Ill., Nov. 1st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—The seed corn I bought from you was very good seed. In fact all I have ever gotten from you has been good. The seed last year came up well and made very good corn considering the season. I will want more seed in the spring.

Yours truly,

J. S. FRASER.

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Blue Mound, Ill., Oct. 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I received from you proved A-No. 1 in every respect. It came up almost 100% and though planted well up in June it matured good sound corn.

Yours truly,

ROY V. PISTORIUS.

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Forest City, Ill., Nov. 2nd, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn purchased from you last spring was fine. I secured a good stand and it made a good crop of well matured corn. When in need of seed corn I will come and see you.

Yours truly,

J. B. WHITAKER.

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Lane, Ill., October 29th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I have just started husking and the corn is turning out better than I expected for this season. The 120 acres planted from your seed is much better than the 60 acres from my own seed. I have been buying your seed corn for a number of years and will want more in the spring.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH WATSON.

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Malta, Ill., October 29th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—We planted your seed on almost all of our corn ground last spring and will say we are well pleased with the crop. It looked as though it could not possibly ripen during most of the season, but we have been very pleasantly surprised and have a crop of well matured and good yielding corn.

Sincerely,

JACOB F. WILLRET.

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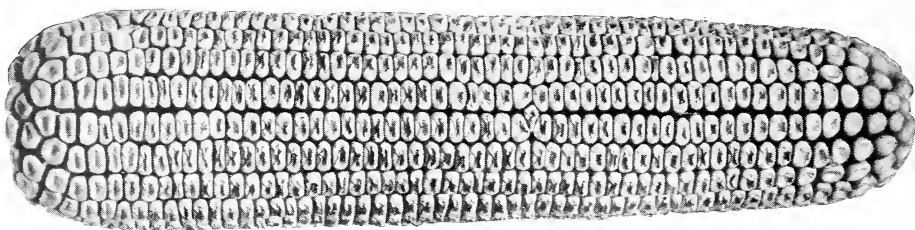
Buckley, Ill., October 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I have bought seed corn from you for the last two years and am well satisfied with it. I got a good stand both years and the yield was good.

Yours truly,

LEROY SMITH.



## Reid's Yellow Dent

**R** EID'S YELLOW DENT was originated by an accidental cross between a rather late, light reddish colored corn and a small early yellow corn. Robert Reid, the originator brought the reddish colored corn, known as Gordon Hopkins corn to Illinois from Brown County, Ohio, in 1846. Because of a poor stand in 1847, a small yellow corn was used in replanting the missing hills, and so the cross occurred. James L. Reid, a son of Robert Reid, improved the hybrid by selection, his best work being done from 1870 to 1900. He won a prize for it at the World's Fair in 1893 and as a result, it soon became widely distributed. It has long been known as the great yellow market corn of the Mississippi Valley.

On this corn alone we have spent over \$10,000 in experimental work. Ask for our book "Blending Seed Corn To Increase the Yield." It tells all about our work in cross breeding this famous corn. We began this work in 1913. In the last fourteen years we have tried out in our trial plots nearly fifty strains of Reid's Yellow Dent.

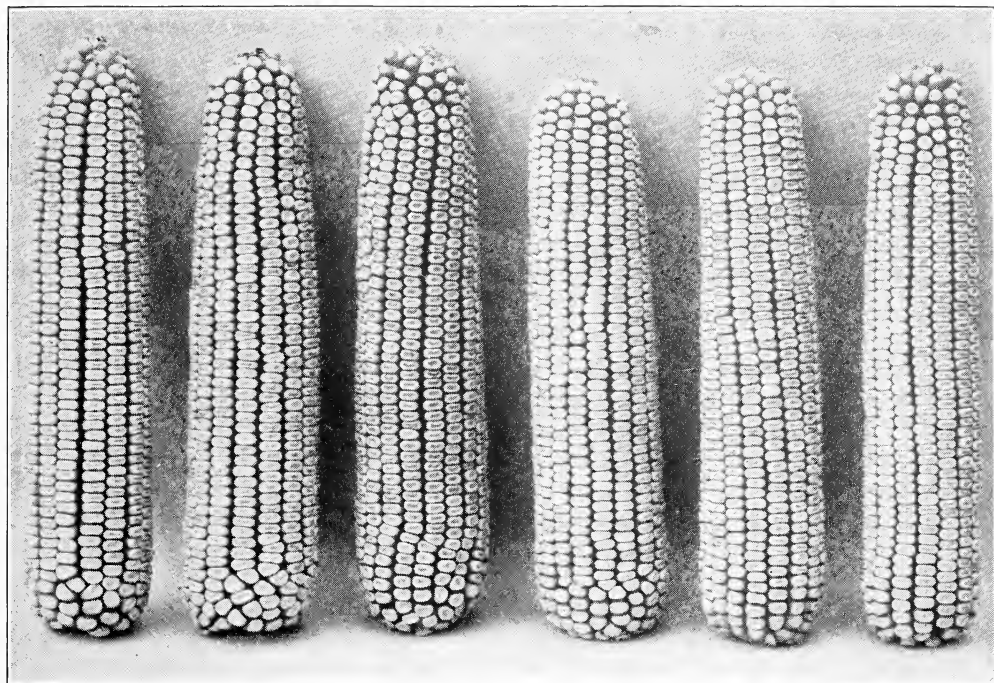
Our Reid's Yellow Dent is high yielding, very sound, exceptionally free from disease and early maturing in the latitude of Mason City. It has a natural adaptation from Peoria, Illinois, Burlington, Iowa, and LaFayette, Indiana, on the north to as far south as corn is grown. We know our Reid's Yellow Dent is well adapted to this territory because we have sent it to growers in all parts of the state and have had it tried out with other strains and varieties of corn. There is no guess work about this. Our book "Blending Seed Corn" tells why and tells it in detail.

Ainsworth's Improved Reid's Yellow Dent is a slightly tapering ear with a smooth (Utility Type) kernel. It is a light golden color. It shells out a very high percent of grain to cob. Don't forget Reid's Yellow Dent is the most famous field corn in the world. Breeders have put more work on Reid's Yellow Dent than on all other varieties combined. That is the reason Reid's Yellow Dent stands at the top as the best field corn in the great corn belt of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri.

We sell more bushels of this corn than all other varieties combined, and can honestly say that, one year with another, it will yield as much corn as any other variety.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 98.5%**





## Krug Corn

**K**RUG CORN was developed by George Krug at Minonk, Illinois, which is in the latitude 40 miles north of Mason City, Illinois. It was selected from Reid's Yellow Dent. It has shown up exceptionally well in many county yield tests and has twice won the Grand Champion premium on peck shelled corn at Illinois State Corn Show.

The demand for Krug corn is doubling every year, and we especially recommend this variety to those who want a somewhat earlier corn than Reid's Yellow Dent. It is a week earlier in maturity and will yield just as much as Reid. Due to the short seasons we have been having, we are recommending earlier maturing varieties.

We have the pure strain Krug corn. The type is quite smooth and one of the characteristics is a reddish cast on the kernels near the tip which does not show until after the corn is shelled. The kernels contain a large percent of oil and weigh exceptionally heavy. In fact, Krug corn will outweigh any shelled sample of corn that we have ever seen.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 99.5%**



## Western Plowman

**W**ESTERN PLOWMAN was originated by William Green and William Webb of Will County. From experiments conducted by the Illinois Experiment Station at DeKalb, Illinois, Western Plowman has proven to be one of the best yielding varieties for Northern Illinois. We especially recommend this variety to our Northern Illinois and Iowa customers.

It is a deep yellow corn. The ears are more cylindrical than tapering. It has a very high percentage of shelled corn to cob and it matures in about 100 days.

Our seed was secured from Northern Illinois and it has only been grown at Mason City one year. Every bushel of this corn was grown on our own farms and our supply is limited. We have the pure strain.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 98.2%**

### LIKES OUR EARLY YELLOW DENT

Mulberry Grove, Ill., Nov. 12th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The Silvermine and Early Yellow Dent seed corn purchased from you this year was fine, both as to the grading and germination.

I planted the Silvermine on my Prairie farm and got a good stand and have a good crop considering the soil and bad season.

I planted the Early Yellow Dent on my bottom land. We had so much rain that I didn't get it planted until after the 4th of July and we only gave it one cultivation, yet we have a fine crop of good sound and well matured corn. I consider

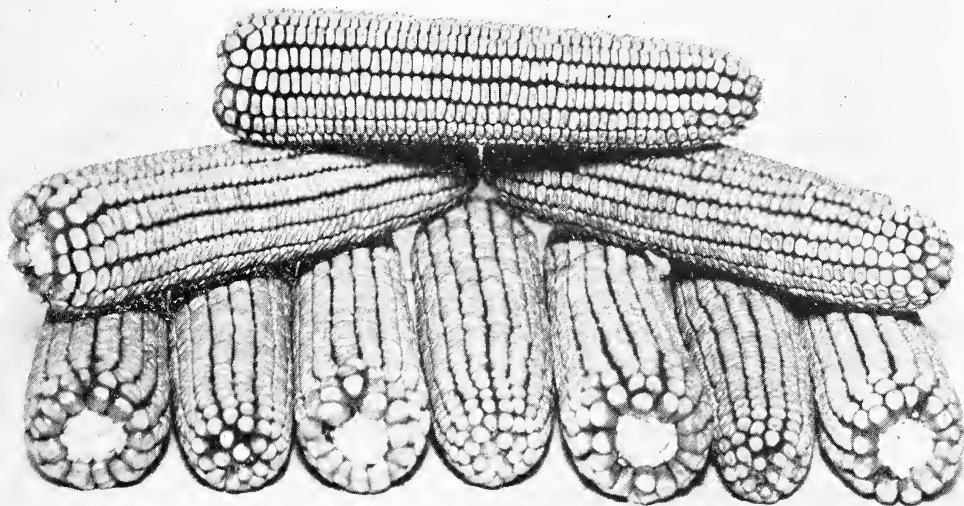
this the most wonderful and best variety of corn I have ever raised.

I have bought your seed corn for several years with perfect and entire satisfaction and expect to continue planting your corn as long as I am in the business. I consider it better and more profitable for us farmers to buy seed corn from a professional seed corn grower like you than to waste our time selecting and taking care of it, when we are not properly equipped for the business.

Very truly yours,

W. H. BALDWIN.





## Early Yellow Dent

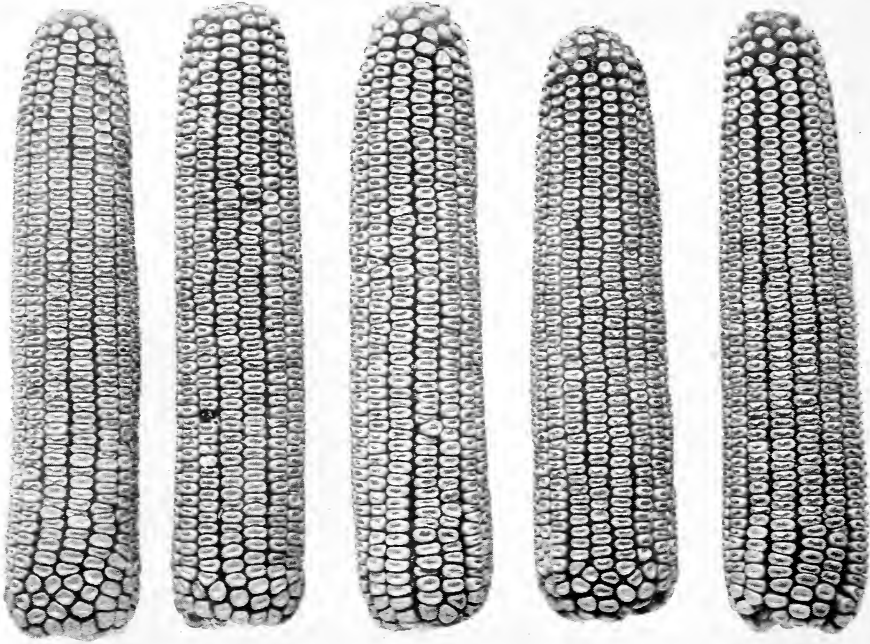
**E**ARLY YELLOW DENT is the earliest maturing variety that we grow. In this corn, we have endeavored to combine early maturity with a good yield.

We recommend our Early Yellow Dent for general field planting from Ottawa to the Wisconsin line. It is too early for general field planting for Peoria and south, but it is the best corn of which we know, for general planting in any part of Central Illinois, where the planting has to be delayed until after the first of June. Where an early feed is wanted; where it is desired to follow corn with wheat, or for early hogging down, Early Yellow Dent has no equal.

The ears ordinarily run from seven to ten inches long, with sixteen to twenty rows of compact grains solidly set on a small red cob. The stalks grow from seven to nine feet high, depending upon the ground where planted.

We cannot recommend this corn too highly for all purposes named, and are sure that no farmer will make any mistake in planting at least part of his crop to this excellent variety of early corn. Under ordinary conditions this corn can be fed from the first to the middle of September. We believe this to be the only corn that can be fed as early and at the same time give a big yield per acre.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 98.5%**



## Gold Standard Leaming

**L**EAMING CORN was originated by J. S. Leaming near Wilmington, Ohio, in 1826 and is the oldest known variety of dent corn. This corn was later improved by J. S. Chester and L. F. Maxey.

Ainsworth Gold Standard Leaming is of deep golden color, well filled at butt and tip. The rows of kernels are very straight and distinct. The ears range from 9 to 11 inches in length, from 7 to 8 inches in circumference, and weigh from 12 to 17 ounces. Stalks are from 8 to 10 feet high. Matures in from 100 to 115 days. This corn is a great favorite in the dairying district, and is well adapted to a wide range of country. The corn does not become as flinty as that of other yellow varieties, which gives it an advantage as a feeding corn. We recommend this as being the best yellow corn for ensilage.

Ainsworth Gold Standard Leaming is of pronounced type and has won us much praise from growers far and near.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 99%**

Summer Hill, Ill., Oct. 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I planted 100 acres in corn from your seed. The 60 acres of Silvermine is making 75 bushels per acre and the 40 acres of Leaming is extra good. I have used your seed for several years and have had excellent results.

Respectfully yours,

L. L. ANDERSON.

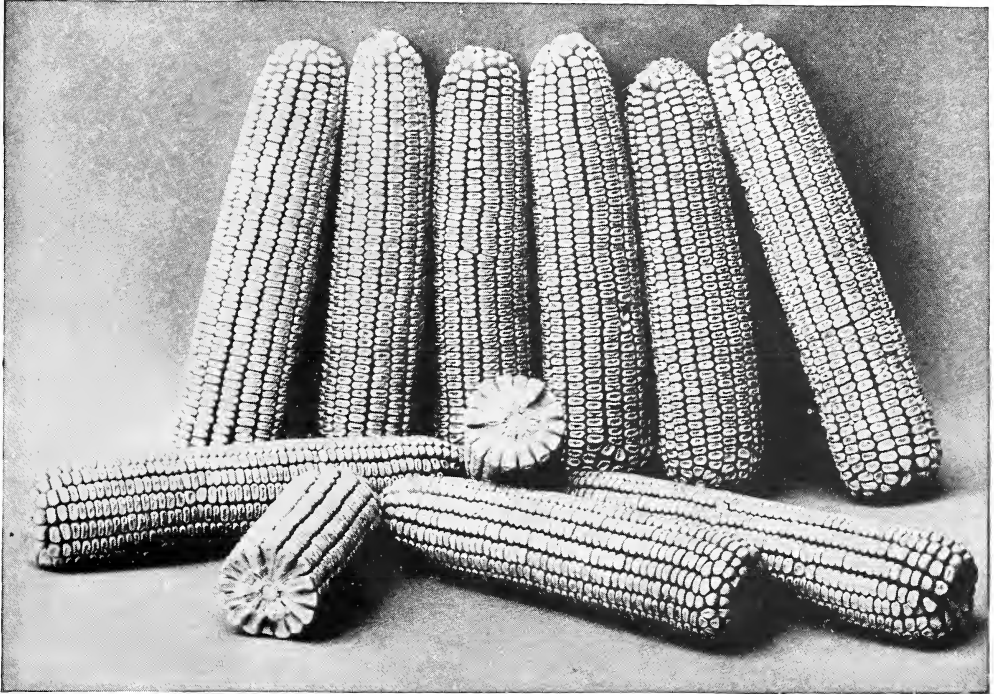
Lane, Ill., October 31st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—In regard to your seed corn as good as any I have ever planted. The yield will be about 65 bushels per acre. The corn has good healthy stalks and is all standing well.

Respectfully yours,

LAWRENCE W. HOWARD.



## Silver Mine

### MOST POPULAR WHITE CORN GROWN

**T**HE DESIRABLE characteristics of Silver Mine are deep grains, full of oil, ears well filled out, and remarkably high shelling qualities. It frequently shells out 62 lbs. from 70 lbs. of ears, leaving only 8 lbs. of cob per bushel. The stalks grow rather short and heavy, frequently bearing two ears of uniform size. This is a big yielder, even on poor soil.

Ainsworth Silver Mine, which resembles Reid's Yellow Dent in type (not color), is noted for its great vitality and its ability to withstand and resist extreme conditions of weather, wet or dry.

In hot weather it makes a good crop when other sorts "fire" and dry up. On poor land it will make an ear when some other varieties will only make a shoot. We urge our **northern customers particularly** to give Ainsworth Silver Mine a trial although it is well adapted to all parts of the corn belt. We guarantee our Silver Mine to be true to name.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 99.8%**

# **RACK DRIED** AINSWORTH **SEED CORN**



## Johnson County White

**T**HIS CORN is often called Boone County. Judges make no distinction between Johnson and Boone. We do not recommend it for planting, any farther north than the latitude of Mason City, unless it is to be used for ensilage. Johnson County is the great prize winner in white corn. With a long growing season, it will outyield any variety known. This is the largest eared corn that we grow and also the latest maturing. It matures in 115 to 120 days.

The ears are well filled at both ends. The grains are large and rather deep. We would suggest that Johnson County should never be planted more than two grains to a hill. To plant thicker than this, would lower the yield.

**GERMINATION TESTS OF THIS VARIETY ARE AVERAGING 99.8%**

Table Grove, Ill., October 30th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I bought 90-day corn from you last spring and we had roasting ears out of the field the last of July. I picked seed out of the field the 1st of October and it was sound and well matured. Some said the ears would be small but I would not want them any larger. I am more than pleased with the results.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \*  
F. A. BROWN.  
Elmwood, Ill., April 2nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—I have received the seed corn ordered from you. I have tested it and find it 100% germination. That's what I call good seed corn.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \*  
LYLE B. FINK,

Blue Mound, Ill., October 30th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
Dear Sirs:—I can willingly testify that the appearance of your Reid's Yellow Dent was fine. The corn was graded to a perfect size and as to getting a stand it looked almost 100% and as far as I have husked it will make a fair yield. It is quite sound and well on its way to maturity.

Yours truly,  
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H. L. WILCOX.  
Chandlerville, Ill., Sept. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The 2 bushels of seed corn purchased from you was certainly fine. I got a good stand and it looks like 60 bushels to the acre, which is very good for the kind of land I farm.

Yours truly,  
\* \* \* \* \*  
R. W. MURPHY.



## Letters of Appreciation

Fairview, Ill., October 29th, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Gentlemen:—I have just started husking the Krug corn that was grown from your seed. It is the best field that I have. It is solid, well filled and yielding about 65 bushels per acre.  
 I have used Ainsworth seed four out of the last seven years and have always found it well graded and more important—it grows.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* CARL C. MARTIN.

Ashland, Ill., October 28th, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Gentlemen:—The corn I purchased from you for last season's planting was entirely satisfactory. Owing to the backward season my corn did not mature as well as usual but it is a wonder that we got a crop at all. If you have a good earlier corn you may book me for four bushels of next spring.  
 Yours very truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* JAS. E. GOOD.

**A CUSTOMER FOR 10 YEARS**  
 Edwardsville, Ill., Nov. 1st, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Gentlemen:—I have been buying seed corn from you about 10 years and have always been well pleased with your corn. The Ainsworth 90-day corn received from you did fine. We had a very short season in Madison county but it all ripened before the frost hurt it and it will yield more than later varieties. Once a customer of Ainsworth & Sons, always a customer.  
 Yours very truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* H. F. C. DETTMER.

Strasburg, Ill., Oct. 30th, 1927.  
 Dear Sirs:—I got a 100% stand from the seed purchased from you. The corn looked fine all summer and I believe it will make about 60 bushels to the acre. The corn is of good quality considering that it was not planted until the first week in June.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* C. M. BAUER.

LaFayette, Ind., October 10th, 1927.  
 Gentlemen:—Comparing the corn grown from the seed purchased from you with that of my neighbor's home grown seed I find that my corn is at least two weeks ahead of theirs. One field in particular which was grown from your seed is said to be the finest field of corn in the county. It is the best prospect I have ever had and I am certainly thankful that I purchased the seed from you and feel that it was money well invested.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* C. F. BAKER.

Payson, Ill., Oct. 31st, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Dear Sirs:—I have purchased seed corn from you for 11 or 12 years and have always been very well satisfied with the quality of the corn. I feel that I am well paid for the extra price.

Respectfully yours,  
 \* \* \* \* \* ALBERT W. KUHN.

New Castle, Ind., Nov. 9th, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I bought from you was very uniform in size and it grew fine almost 100%. I have a fine crop of well matured corn.

Very truly yours,  
 \* \* \* \* \* HENRY ADAMS.

**BEST GRADED CORN EVER BOUGHT**  
 Peoria, Ill., Nov. 8th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Gentlemen:—The seed corn purchased from you for the Peoria County Farm was the best graded corn I have ever bought from any seed corn company.  
 Owing to the late season we did not get our corn planted until after the 15th of June. But your corn came up quick and grew very fast. We will need more seed next spring and you will get our order. You can see we must be satisfied.

Yours very truly,  
 PEORIA COUNTY FARM,  
 By Geo. Goodman, Supt.

**AN EARLY ORDER FOR 1928**  
 Virginia, Ill., Nov. 7th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Dear Sirs:—The seed corn purchased from you last spring was certainly fine. A perfect germination. I have planted your seed for the last three years and have always been well pleased. I have just started husking and find my corn of very good quality.

Please enter my order for 10 bushels of sack picked Reid's Yellow Dent, shelled and graded. I will be glad to receive your new catalogue as soon as they are out.

Yours very truly  
 \* \* \* \* \* MART MAHONEY.

**A SATISFIED CUSTOMER FOR TWENTY YEARS**  
 Chandlerville, Ill., Nov. 9th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Gentlemen:—The seed corn I purchased from you last spring was certainly fine. I was well pleased with the grading. I have bought seed corn from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons for 20 years and I sure think they know how to handle seed corn. It has been a good investment for me to plant Ainsworth Corn.

Yours very truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* WM. EIEHENAUER.

Salisbury, Mo., Nov. 10th, 1927.  
 Dear Sirs:—I was well pleased with the seed corn received from you last spring. I got a fine stand and the corn made a wonderful growth. Although I did not get to plant until the last of June my corn will make a good yield.

Respectfully yours,  
 \* \* \* \* \* THOS. E. GLASSEN.

West Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15th, 1927.  
 Dear Sirs:—I bought 5 bushels of seed corn from you last spring and was well pleased with it. In my estimation the grading was 100%. I cannot afford to waste time and money with any other kind. A cornfield planted with your seed speaks for itself.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* FRED SCHWARTZ.

P.S.—Enclosed find order for 3 bushels of Early Yellow Dent and 2 bushels of Gold Standard Leaming.

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 Urbana, Ill., Nov. 9th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I am writing you in regard to the Reid's Yellow Dent seed corn bought from you last spring. It is making 60 bushels per acre of good sound corn. I am well satisfied with the corn in every way and will want more seed next spring.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* ROE MAST.

O'Fallon, Mo., Nov. 10th, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Dear Sirs:—I planted the seed corn received from you on the 15th of June and got almost a perfect stand. I am gathering the corn now and it is the soundest corn I have ever raised. I have planted a lot of different seed but yours is the best. In the future when I need seed corn I will always order it from W. T. Ainsworth & Sons.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* EDWIN P. MUELLER.

Dahinda, Ill., Nov. 12th, 1927.  
 W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,  
 Dear Sirs:—The seed corn I received from you last spring arrived in fine shape and it was very evenly graded. I was unable to plant it until the first week in June, but we got a fine stand and it matured fairly well, although there are a few soft ears.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* CALVIN COOK.

Syracuse, Ind., Nov. 15th, 1927.  
 Dear Sirs:—I have planted your corn for the last four or five years and can truthfully say that it has been a real benefit to me. It has given me real stands of corn and in the end a good crop of high quality corn.  
 I have at this time to say, that any one who turns your guarantee and your corn down does not want good seed corn.

Yours truly,  
 \* \* \* \* \* WM. SNIDER.



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**W**E EXTEND a cordial invitation to all farmers to inspect our drying plants at Mason City, Illinois. If you make us a visit during January or February, you will see thousands of bushels on the drying racks as well as thousands of bushels ready for shipment. Our entire stock is easily seen at our plant. We handle no crib corn.

### Reputation

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons seed corn over a period of 20 years has held a foremost place, attained a world wide acceptance and established a prestige that challenges comparison, because every bushel that bears the Ainsworth trade mark is thoroughly good.

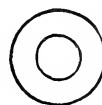
This supremacy could not be possible with an organization that failed to give the ultimate best in seed corn. It is this that has made the W. T. Ainsworth & Sons plant the largest of its kind in the world.

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### OUR GUARANTEE

**"You are given twelve days in which to test this corn. If you find it unsatisfactory in any way, return to us, at our expense, within the above limit and we will refund the purchase price. Guaranteed germination 95 per cent or better."**

**W. T. AINSWORTH & SONS, Mason City, Illinois**



Adams, Ill., Nov. 8th, 1927.

Dear Sirs:—I am well pleased with the seed corn purchased from you last spring. I got a better stand from your seed and it also matured earlier than the corn from my own seed.

Yours truly,

JOHN H. LONGLETT.

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McLeansboro, Ill., Nov. 10th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—In reply to your letter of recent date, will say that the seed corn I received from you was entirely satisfactory in every respect. Your corn did exceptionally well considering the bad weather the past season. I would recommend your seed to anyone desiring pure bred, disease free corn of high germination.

Yours truly,

WM. E. WOLF.

Sadorus, Ill., Nov. 22nd, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Gentlemen:—I got a fine stand from the seed corn purchased from you last spring. The corn is a good color and good quality. It is very solid and no rotten corn in it. I think it will grade No. 3.

Yours truly,

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JOHN CHRISTMAN.

Cuba, Ill., Nov. 14th, 1927.

W. T. Ainsworth & Sons,

Dear Sirs:—The seed corn received from you last spring was certainly fine. It matured early and is good solid corn. It is the best corn in the neighborhood. I will probably want more seed in the spring.

Yours truly,

FRANK E. MYERS.

# HOW TO ORDER

Be careful to write your name and address plainly. If your shipping point is different from your post office address, give both. For convenience use enclosed order blank

**How to Send Money:** If you send actual cash have your letter registered. Convenient ways of sending money are: Postoffice Money Order, Express Money Order, Bank Draft, Stamps (if under two dollars) or Personal Check. We have confidence in the farmers we deal with so that we do not hesitate to accept their personal checks. This is very often the most convenient way for you to remit—and is entirely satisfactory with us.

**Shipment of Orders:** We acknowledge the receipt of every order the same day it is received and we usually ship order the same week unless otherwise instructed. Shelled corn is sacked in the strongest bags that have ever been used in the seed corn business, and ear corn is crated in substantial, well made crates. The latter cost us nearly forty cents each and are furnished free. If your station has no agent the freight charges must be prepaid. We can tell you how much they are, or so can any agent of the line running through your town.

**Safe Arrival of Shipments:** If your order arrives in bad shape, or is damaged or a part lost, have your agent note the exact damage or loss on your Paid Freight Bill, send this to us, and we will adjust matters with the Railroad Company for you.

**Parcel Post Shipments:** We strongly recommend that you have all shipments of one bushel or under sent by parcel post and have the corn delivered to your door. The rates are as follows, including service fee:

One peck shelled corn.....	first and second zone, 20c; third zone, \$0.34
One-half bushel shelled corn.....	first and second zone, 34c; third zone, .62
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**Order Early:** We have as fine a lot of seed corn this year as we have ever grown. The ears are large and well matured and the corn will show a germination of nearly 100 per cent. A guarantee of 95 per cent is made on all corn. We believe this supply will run us through the winter months. If we get your order in January or February we can fill it with any of the varieties listed in the catalogue. We never substitute without the consent of the purchaser. Place your order early and let us store your corn until you want it shipped.

**Our Reliability:** Our Pure Bred Seed Corn is sent out under the most positive guarantee ever attempted by any seed firm. The printed slip which is packed with every bushel binds us and provides absolute protection for our customers. We want your business and to get this we must have your confidence. For this reason YOU are given twelve days in which to test our corn in your own way.

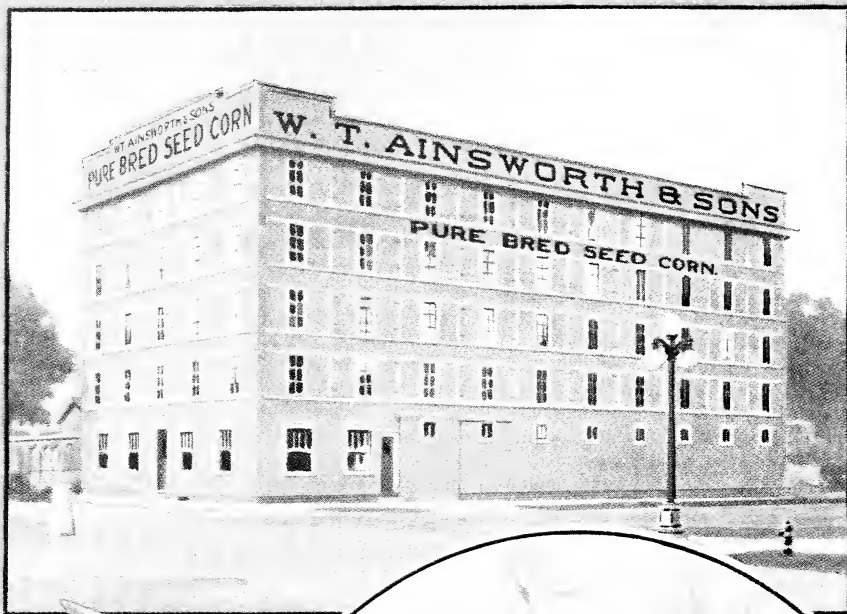
**Our Financial Standing:** We refer you to either the New Farmers State Bank or The Central Illinois Bank, both of this city. Or we refer you to any local business house as well as R. G. Dun & Co., and the Bradstreet Co., Commercial Agencies; in fact your local bank or banker can furnish you with our financial standing if you care to make inquiry.

**Our Location:** For the benefit of those who make us a visit this winter, we wish to repeat that our new plants and offices are right in town, being only one block south of the Hotel, and three blocks north of the Illinois Central depot.

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